

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:** Maria Laura Gennaro

**Examiner:** Rodney P. Swartz

**Application No.:** 10/009,384

**TC/Art Unit:** 1645

**Filed:** September 20, 2002

**Title:** Secreted Proteins of Mycobacterium  
Tuberculosis and Their Uses as Vaccines and  
Diagnostic Reagents

**Attorney Docket Number:** 20869-2

**Date:** February 10, 2009

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**Amendment**

Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the January 22, 2009 Non-Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-referenced application (the "Office Action"). A response to the Office Action is due April 22, 2009. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.